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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to an Office Action, dated May 5, 2006, issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 5, 2006 Office Action was due August 5, 2006. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time in which to file their response. With the extension, this Amendment and Response is timely filed and Applicants respectfully request its entry.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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